Southington Nov 6th 1829

My Dear Brother

Your kind letter of Sept 11th arrived ~~in the~~ ~~early~~ latter part of ~~last~~ week before last, before Elizabeth sent her last letter but as I was then absent from home she did not open it. I before had felt confidence in your affectionate kindness & felt ~~fully~~ assured that in you I had a friend on whose assistance I might in all reasonable cases fully confide & yet your letter – expressing that kindness so fully & promptly, gave me heart felt pleasure – It came like the gleam of a well known beacon to a bewildered traveller – & relieved me at once from those fears & doubts which time & distance will ever inspire –

Before the failure of the Eagle Bank Mr Mulford at the request of Mr Hounsley, & with the assurance of the patronage of that institution – commenced business in Wall street as a broker – His prospects then were flattering – & had that Bank continued he without doubt would have done a lucrative business. The Bank failed & his expectations from that source were cut off – As he was then established & had reasonable prospects of success – he thought it better to continue especially as by so doing he could as he supposed essentially assist James Mulford in obtaining the situation to which he then aspired viz – a place in the firm of Scofields Phelps & Howard.. – That firm has always been considered one of the very best in the City – The partners have always after a connexion of from 10 to 15 years ~~[illegible]~~ rich & if James could once attain that situation it seemed fair to presume that in a few years he would ~~[illegible]~~ possessed of a Competency – & even tho Mr Mulford Business should not be as profitable as he could wish still he tho't that the benefit to James would be so great that his own immediate profit ought to be a subject of secondary consideration – It was in this state of affairs & perhaps

3 days after my marriage that I was persuaded to become liable with them for 2.000 Dlls & subsequently for an additional 2000. = how all this was brot about you can better imagine - taking into consideration the peculiar time & circumstances than I now describe - but it was all done with the full understanding that my liability should cease at the end of 1 year. When that time came I [illegible] absolutely refused to continue - but I had gone too far & I found that I could gain nothing by persisting in my refusal - but must lose my chance of ultimate release - because without my continuance Mr Mulford must fail & James of course, being holder, would lose his place - It then appeared not too presumptuous to suppose that James would be able in a short time to pay the claims and release me - This would without question have been the case had it not been for the general embarrassment which prevails throughout the country The firm were unable to collect their debts amounting to over 80.000 Dlls and of course had no funds at command. They were compelled in their own regular business to depend much upon their credit & ~~of course~~ could not advance to the partners - as in ordinary cases would have been done without hesitation =. Enough could not be collected to enable James to pay his regular instalments to the partner whose right he purchased - The embarrassment became so great that James was compelled to sell out - & as in the mean time Mr Mulfords business had become a losing one - my chance of immediate release was at an end - They had no funds - no property & my only course was to pay the claims myself = I essayed every possible mode before I had recourse to our sisters kindness - but it was in vain = there was then a prodigious scarcity of money in the market. I could not obtain a loan even upon a pledge of the stock - no course was left but a sale =. It was most dear Brother with the utmost hesitation & unwillingness - that I could propose this course to Elizabeth but ~~[illegible]~~ with the warm feeling she met me in the face - with one little [illegible] & a [illegible]

and difficult with the more delicate of all situations I could not hesitate
The Stock was sold & with the avails of it & what money I had on hand I paid the claims by both Mr Millfords & James joint note for the amount

They are now commencing business in N. York with ~~the~~ Commission line — & if better times should ensue they may still do well — Their Credit in N York which has ever been good is not affected because the whole business has been kept secret. James' Credit — as a business man stands high. He is said to be second to no other young man — in the correct knowledge & full comprehension of business & in the accuracy & rapidity with which he is able to transact it. — My business this year is better than it ever has been before — I have had less sickness in my family — less expense — so far — I have brought my affairs more under my eye — have I think adopted a more profitable system, have had better crops — & have had more success in the accomplishment of kinds of necessary labor — You know I suppose that I have a few bulls of imported breed. I have this year engaged the use of his Cutting several of them are very fine & I have within few weeks taken for two 2 years at my option — an elegant Arabian Horse valued at 15.00 dols the property of Henry De Groot of N Jersey now in England. I am to take good care of the Horse & pay the De Groot one half of his profits — the rest is his. The Horse ought to earn 1.000 dols next season & I hope that he will — The expenses to me of his keeping will not at the utmost exceed 75 or 100 dols — all of which comes off my farm and like nothing other must be made to bring me 30 dolls

Nancy's health is manifestly improving. It is better than it has ever been since our marriage — Cornelia is the picture of health. She is a good child — is said to be the most governed ~~[illegible]~~ & very lively little & she is an affectionate child. Our little girl grows finely. She weighs over 10 lbs — Sister's health & spirits are good — Mr W. & family have all been here this summer & fall & were extremely polite & friendly. Your affectionate Brother & friend C. Robinson

Sister Elizabeth's letter by the Ship of Aug 1st which you speak of as not having arrived was sent in due time to the Post office in New Haven — The letter was written by her & by George — our friends are all well — George was to Middletown three times since he found the security for the [illegible] & abundantly sufficient — & more — He made an arrangement to have a foreclosure obtained and the property [illegible]

Mr Lathrop's attempt to renew his connexion with Elizabeth proved abortive — I have understood I think that Elizabeth would never have further [illegible] him had she not been greatly influenced by Sarah — Sister E. has a variety of suitors [illegible] of them — the most settled is supposed to be Mr Isaac Townsend of New Haven — he is a young lawyer of fine talents & [illegible] fine in a very few years at the head of his profession & wealthy. He is not for some time perhaps now — His mother is very pious and a very excellent woman. She has [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible] at N. H. & is extremely anxious that a connexion should take place. While there are [illegible] or more of [illegible] completion

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My dear Brother. I read your letter to brother C— & was sorry to learn that mine for August which was duly written & forwarded from New Haven had not been received. I can not but hope however that you did receive it; as it contained a communication from brother George & the letters from your brothers are "so few & far between" that it would be a pity indeed that any of them should be lost. Besides I do not wish you to think that I ~~am~~ becoming negligent, for at no period of your absence have I thought more about you or felt the duty of writing more strongly than during the last months. — I am as much rejoiced as you can be, that C— has at last written you a long letter. I know not its contents but presume he has given you all needful information respecting his affairs & his family. — But a week has elapsed since I wrote you last, of course little has transpired. I expect to go to N.H. next week & shall probably be there at Thanksgiving which occurs here on the 26th instant, & also in Mass. & N.H. In N.Y. on the 3d Dec — Every thing around us looks gloomy & cheerless, the trees are stript of their clothing & the fields of their verdure. Cold weather is coming upon us, but its approach is not ~~so~~ terrible to us, as it is to the poor who are destitute of the comforts & conveniences of life. — — Cornelia talks much about Cousin Mary, & wishes Uncle Eddy would bring her here — With the warmest love for yourself Theresa & Mary

Yours &c —

Saturday. A.M. Nov. 7th

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